

**THE CLEVELAND MUSEUM OF ART
CLEVELAND 6. OHIO**

TELEPHONE: GARFIELD 1-7340

FOR RELEASE at will

GANDHARA SCULPTURE FROM PAKISTAN MUSEUMS will be on exhibition at The Cleveland Museum of Art beginning July 6. The 65 free standing and relief sculptures comprising this exhibit come from ancient Gandhara, when it flourished as a Buddhist colony.

The pieces date from the second through the fifth centuries when some of the first representations of the Buddha in human form were created. Gandhara art history is linked with the classical world. The Roman influence is evident in the portraits, draperies, reliquaries and reliefs. In Gandhara architecture classical and Near Eastern forms appear on an essentially Indian framework. The chronology of many Gandhara pieces can be determined approximately by comparisons with both classical and Indian art. Explorations in the early 19th century have made it possible to have this present picture of an interesting period and its people.

The exhibition was brought to the United States by the Asia Society and is being circulated by the Smithsonian Institution. It will occupy the Special Exhibition Gallery through July 24 and is open free to the public.

For further information and photographs write or telephone Margaret R. Parkin
Garfield 1-7340